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		First Named Inventor	Ouederni
		Art Unit	1733
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Firm or Individual name	Gregory N. Clements DOUGHERTY, CLEMENTS & HOFER
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Date	May 14, 2004

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X	=
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 .9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$) 0.00

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Large Entity Small Entity

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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SUBTOTAL (3) **(\$)** 40.00**SUBMITTED BY**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE PATENT OPERATIONS

Art Unit: 1733

Applicant: Mabrouk Ouederni/Paul Latten

Serial No: 10/721,964

Filed: November 25, 2003

Title: Air-Laid Web with Hollow Synthetic Fibers

Charlotte, North Carolina
May 14, 2004

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

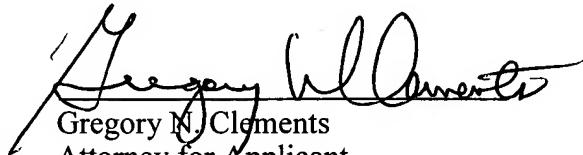
On April 30, 2004 I sent you a renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) was sent to the U. S. Patent Office seeking to file the above identified application in the name of the inventors as listed above. The problem was that Mr. Ouederni had left the company and stated that he was moving to Tunisia. No one had heard from him as was set forth in my renewed petition. In the interim (May 5, 2004), Mr. Ouederni sent Dr. Geoffrey Scantlebury an e-mail message stating where he could now be reached. A FedEx package having the formal papers therein was immediately shipped to Mr. Ouederni who was in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Mr. Ouederni has subsequently signed the papers and returned them to us via FedEx. We now provide you with these papers.

In light of these brief facts, it is evident that the petition to renew under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) filed November 25, 2003 is no longer necessary. We now know where Mr. Ouederni is and how to contact him.

After speaking with Mr. Shanoski on May 11, 2004 he indicated that the petition had been granted. However, he indicated that if the enclosed papers were received, he would withdraw the grant, and drop the Petition to Renew so that the application is no longer a 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) application.

In view of the formal papers, and of the copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Ouederni (not required, but for your inspection), it is now believed that the above-identified patent application is ready for examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

- Assignment
- Declaration in Copending Application
- Copy of letter to Mabrouk Ouederni

Attorney Docket 2000/16 CIP2



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May 5, 2004

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Re: Patent Application Serial #10/721,964
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Our File Docket #2000/16-CIP2

Dear Dr. Ouederni:

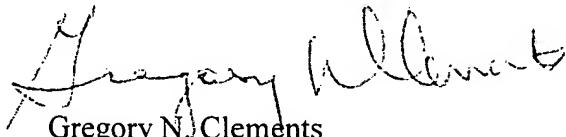
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

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